



**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

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Talbot County Council  
Talbot County Courthouse, South Wing  
11 N. Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

Dear Mr. Callahan, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Haythe, Ms. Mielke, and Mr. Stepp:

On behalf of the Talbot County Tourism Board, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Eric Levinson, owner and innkeeper of The Hummingbird Inn in Easton, to serve as the representative for the Bed & Breakfast industry on the Tourism Board.

Since opening its doors in 2017, The Hummingbird Inn has emerged as a leader in Talbot County's hospitality sector. Founded by Mr. Levinson—a seasoned traveler, chef, and entrepreneur—the boutique inn has redefined the traditional Bed & Breakfast experience. His commitment to excellence in guest service, combined with a flair for international cuisine and design, consistently earns high praise and repeat visitation.

Mr. Levinson is more than a business owner; he is a dynamic force in our local tourism economy. The Hummingbird Inn actively fosters community engagement through an array of signature events, from porch parties to sensory dining experience. His creative vision brings both vibrancy and visibility to Easton and the wider Talbot County tourism brand.

An experienced traveler who has visited more than 70 counties, Mr. Levinson has a proven track record in hospitality innovation, small business management, and cultural programming, which makes him an ideal candidate to represent the Bed & Breakfast industry. He brings a unique perspective that will enrich the board's work and strengthen its efforts to grow Talbot County as a welcoming and diverse destination.

We respectfully request that the Talbot County Council approve this recommendation and appoint Mr. Levinson to the Tourism Board. His leadership and insight will be an asset to the County's ongoing tourism development strategy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cassandra M. Vanhooser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Cassandra M. Vanhooser  
Director, Economic Development and Tourism  
Talbot County, Maryland

cc: Judy Bixler, Chairman, Talbot County Tourism Board  
Jessica Bellis, Vice Chairman, Talbot County Tourism Board